IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS **EASTERN DIVISION**

MICHAEL B. JOHNSON, COLLEEN KITCHENS, ALICIA HOLTON, Case No. 2013-CV-7468 STEPHEN GARCIA-AGOSTO, ROBERT ROTELLA, SR., ROBERT MARSH a/k/a Honorable Judge Charles P. Kocoras BOBBY MARSH. KRYSTYN A. WEIN a/k/a Magistrate Judge Young B. Kim KRYSTYN A. EVANS, ROBIN KRIER, STEVEN MCANALLY a/k/a STEVE MCANALLY, ERIC RINKOFF and JOSEPH FRED GARCIA on behalf of themselves, and on behalf of and as representative of those who are similarly situated. Plaintiffs, vs. PUSHPIN HOLDINGS, LLC, JAY COHEN, LEONARD MEZEI, ARI R. MADOFF, ALISHA RIOS, LOUISA TATBAK a/k/a LOUISA FERRERA, GCN HOLDING, LLC, and SHAUN REDWOOD, CIT FINANCIAL USA, INC., Defendants.

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Plaintiffs, Michael Johnson, Colleen Kitchens, Alicia Holton, Stephen Garcia-Agosto, Robert Rotella, Sr., Robert Marsh a/k/a Bobby Marsh, Krystyn A. Wein a/k/a Krystyn A. Evans, Robin Krier, Steven McAnally a/k/a Steve McAnally, Eric Rinkoff and Joseph Fred Garcia, on behalf of themselves and on behalf of those similarly situated, appeal the Order and Memorandum Opinion of August 13, 2014 denying Plaintiffs' Motion to Remand, and the Memorandum Opinion and Order of March 23, 2015, granting the Motion to Dismiss the Second Amended Complaint under Fed.R.Civ.P. 12(b)(6), and that part of the Memorandum Opinion and Order of August 6, 2015, which denied Plaintiffs' Motion for Reconsideration and to Alter and/or Amend the Judgment and Dismissal Order under Fed.R.Civ.P. 59(a) and (e) and 52(b), and the Judgment entered on August 18, 2015, to the United States Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit.

Plaintiffs request that the Order denying the Motion to Remand to the Circuit Court of Cook County, Illinois be reversed; this case be remanded to the State Court and that the Order and Judgment dismissing the Second Amended Complaint be vacated for lack of subject matter jurisdiction.

Plaintiffs also request, in the event that the Court of Appeals does not order the case remanded to the State Court, that the Judgment and the Orders dismissing the Second Amended Complaint under Fed.R.Civ.P. 12(b)(6), and denying Plaintiffs' Motion to Alter or Amend the Judgment under Fed.R.Civ.P. 59(a) and (e) and 52(b), be reversed, and that this case be remanded to the District Court with instructions to hear it on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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